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To: AmEmbassy Tel Aviv
Fm: SecState
Ref: State 163012
Subject: U.S.S. Liberty Claim

1. The Office of the Legal Advisor is assembling a negotiating team and preparing the case for the U.S. claim for damages to the U.S.S. Liberty.

2. Reftel tentatively scheduled opening negotiations for late August or early September. ~~Due to~~ Despite difficulties collecting technical supporting data on the amount claimed, we fully intend ~~now anticipate that we will only be able~~ will definitely to begin negotiations near the end of the year.

3. Please inform appropriate GOI officials of ~~continued U.S.G. interest~~ and rescheduling, and express continued USG intention to pursue issue

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